LOWER CIMARRON SPRING

12 miles south of Ulysses on U.S. Route 270

During the dry season, these springs afforded the only water on the 60-mile stretch of the Cimarron Cutoff of the Santa Fe Trail. The springs, a virtual oasis, were the object and stopping place of all who went over this desert route. One of the most dangerous and treacherous stretches on the way to Santa Fe, it had been called by the Spaniards *Jornada de la Muerte*, the journey of death.